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FBI Says Records Indicate A Possible Fifth Spy Figure

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Records seized by the FBI indicate that there may have been a fifth participant in a family spy ring allegedly headed by John A. Walker Jr., it was learned yesterday.

Government investigators are trying to pin down the identity of the potential suspect, who is thought to be a retired military person, according to sources familiar with the case. But the FBI has not been able to determine whether the person, who officials said was identified in Walker's personal papers only as "A," played a central role in the alleged conspiracy to sell U.S. military secrets to the Soviet Union.

Other defendants in the alleged ring—Walker's son, Michael, a Navy seaman; his brother, Arthur, a retired Navy lieutenant commander, and his associate Jerry A. Whitworth, a retired Navy radioman with a top-secret security clearance—have previously been identified in Walker's papers as "S," "K" and "D."

Meanwhile, it was learned that Internal Revenue Service investigators are pursuing indications that John Walker may have stashed thousands of dollars in Soviet payments in secret bank accounts in Europe and the Caribbean.

Walker's references to "A," in a diary agents recovered during a two-day search of his Norfolk home, are more cryptic than the descriptions he included of the three other defendants, officials said.

The references in the diary include such phrases as "Meet with 'A'" and "Go see 'A.'" Conceded one source: "We don't know whether 'A' is central or peripheral." But he did say that "A" is the last "alphabet" designation used by Walker in the papers agents have obtained.

Investigators are known to be trying several methods of identifying "A," including seeking to elicit cooperation from Walker, who has been held without bond since FBI agents arrested him May 20.

The foreign bank inquiry is being pressed on the theory that Walker, in nearly two decades of alleged spying, received far more money than the isolated payment of \$35,000 he is charged with keeping.

By contrast, Whitworth was paid at least \$328,000 by the Soviets through Walker over eight years, according to court papers.

"We believe Walker got a lot more than Whitworth," one investigative source said. He added that the IRS, in cooperation with FBI agents, "has uncovered some leads. But there is nothing conclusive at this time."